Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) Rs. 20.

(b) Mr. M. I. Koyamu is the contractor for the maintenance of the bride for 1112.

(c) Yes.

(d) A contractor is considered better than the watchmen to be in charge of the lighting arrangement.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*.—Are the Government of the opinion that a contractor can do it more efficiently than a paid servant?

Mr. President.—In some cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Is Mr. Koyamu a member of the Wadakkancheri Panchayat?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Yes.

Co-operative Education—spreading of.

203. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have any definite policy for the spreading of Co-operative education in the State;

(b) if so, what is it;

(c) when was it started and how far successful;

(d) if the answer to the above (a), (b) and (c) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to consider the question favourably?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies)*.—(a) Yes.

(b) Education through the agency of the Cochin Central Co-operative Institute, Ltd.

(c) In 1100 and not quite successful.

(d) Does not arise.

Defaulters—Credit Co-operative Societies—increase of.

204. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the reasons for the liquidation and increase of the defaulters of credit Co-operative Societies;

(b) whether Government generally give any concession to the defaulters;

(a) if so, the ground on which it is given;

(d) whether any liberal policy is observed in granting such concessions to the really depressed and minority communities among the backward classes such as the Valans, Velans, Arayans, Kosavans, Chalians, etc.?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a) Increase of defaulters in credit Co-operative Societies is mainly due to the present economic depression. Want of education in thrift and self-help among the members has also contributed much towards this increase. Societies are generally liquidated if they are not doing any useful work.

(b) The Government do not give any concession to the defaulters of Societies.

(c) and (d). In view of the answer to (b) the questions do not arise.

Co-operative Department—propaganda for.

205. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what propaganda is carried on by the Co-operative Department for the purpose of inculcating the principles of "thrift" and "self-help" among the ryots?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Whenever possible, officers of the department attend general meetings of Societies and instruct the members on the value of these principles and many others.

Ayurvedic Dispensary—Pazhanji—opening of.

206. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Pazhanji constituency;

(b) whether they can open one in Pazhanji?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) There is one Ayurvedic grant-in-aid dispensary in Kadavallur village.

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